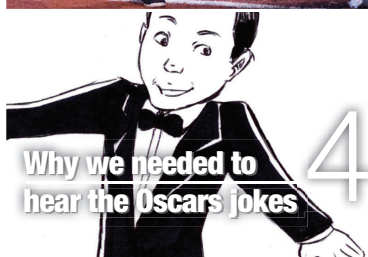




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Fake Patty's arrests up 34 percent; procedure 'very similar to last year'

Darrington Clark
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Fake Patty's Day, one of the busiest and most controversial days of the year in Manhattan, came and went in a flurry of excited chatter and street-side parties. What remains in the aftermath of the event is a record number of arrests that the city is still talking about.

"I didn't visit any bars, I just walked around Aggieville to get the experience," said David Anderson, junior in mass communications. "I saw a girl completely rear-end someone else with her car. The police went up to her immediately. I just heard, 'Have you been drinking?' and then tears. I'm pretty sure that was a DUI."

Instances like these made up

the 115 arrests and 225 open container citations issued over the weekend. Sgt. Brad Ingalls of the Riley County Police Department said that he and other officers patrolled and kept a steady watch over the entire day.

"What we did this time was very similar to last year," Ingalls said. "Everything ran smoothly. From making sure the officers were efficient, to arrests, to transports."

Ingalls attributed the new high in arrests to an increased effort to watch the houses near Aggieville and to patrol the streets and the bars. The police were able to do this with some help from their neighbors.

"We had a couple officers come in from Junction City to help," Ingalls said. "We had the K-State Police here, officers from Pottawatomie County and two

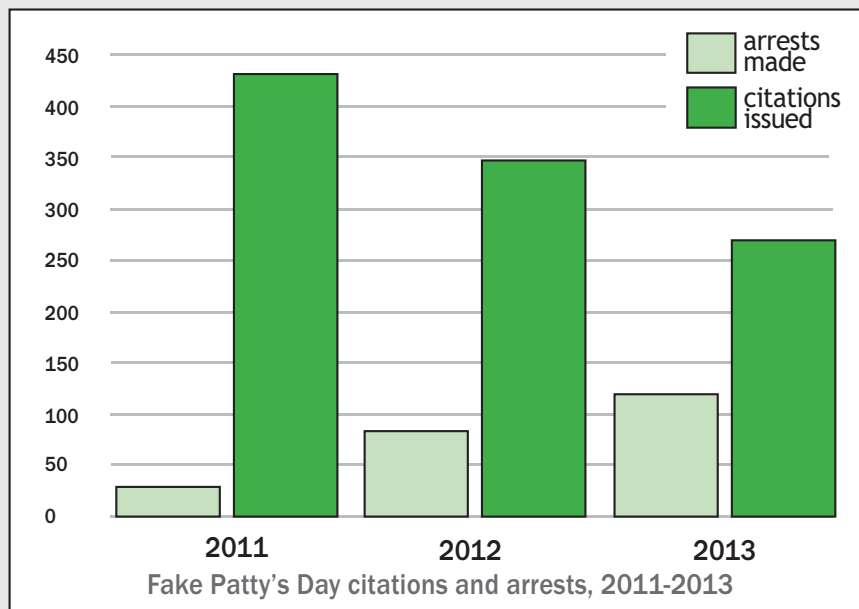
or three from Emporia."

For some Fake Patty's participants, however, the police force remained under-the-radar.

"I was surprised because I didn't see as many cops this year," said Heath Lilek, junior in management. "It could have been because of the rain or people just being more aware of all of the rules, but it seemed a bit calmer this year."

Lilek, who was underage for the weekend's festivities, said that he remained inside his apartment for the majority of the day and spent time with friends in an attempt to follow rules and regulations while still having a good time.

"We made sure that there wasn't underage drinking going on outside and kept the volume



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K-STATE CELEBRATES BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

CUTTING THE NET

Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Senior Rodney McGruder cuts down the net in Bramlage Coliseum on Monday in a ceremony marking the Wildcats' first Big 12 Championship win since 1977.



Adam Suderman
staff writer

K-State men's basketball players, fans, coaches and university administration gathered Monday night to celebrate the first conference title to grace the rafters since 1977.

Plans for the celebration came together quickly on Saturday, and Wildcat fans showed up in Bramlage Coliseum to help congratulate this year's 25-6 squad.

Just like any other big moment that occurs within the confines of Bramlage, the always-booming rendition of "Sandstorm"

got the crowd going as managers, coaches and players were introduced by the voice of the Wildcats Wyatt Thompson in a darkened arena.

Each player was greeted with a strong

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Suspects in arson case face federal prosecution

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

According to a Feb. 7 news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Kansas, two Manhattan residents have been federally indicted on one count of arson resulting in a death. The charges allege that Patrick Scahill, 20, and Virginia Griese, 19, are responsible for a fire on Feb. 6 that led to the death of K-State postdoctoral researcher Vasanta Pallem, 34.

"The indictment alleges the defendants acted in reckless disregard for human life and that Ms. Pallem died as a direct result of their acts," said U.S. Attorney Barry Grisom, according to the news release.

The Riley County Attorney's Office requested that the case be set for federal prosecution, the news release stated, and Scahill and Griese

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International news briefs

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

Riley County voter registration ends today for April 2 election

Any Riley County residents who wish to vote in this year's city/school general elections must register by 5 p.m. today if they have not already done so.

The elections, which take place April 2, will fill positions in the Manhattan City Commission as well as the city's school board.

Voters can access online voting, utilize advance mail-in voting services and find their district's polling locations by visiting rileycounty.gov. Applications for advance voting ballots can also be found on the Riley County website and should be mailed to the Riley County office.

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ARREST REPORTS

Sunday, March 10

Devin James Welch, of Wichita, was booked for driving under the influence, purchase or consumption of alcohol by a minor and unlawful use of a driver's license. Bond was set at \$750.

Jesus James Martin, of Wakefield, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Tracy Donsha French, of the 1600 block of Hillcrest Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Compiled by Katie Goerl

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BASEBALL

Jared King in line to become Wildcats' next big bat

Spencer Low
staff writer

In 2011, center-fielder Jared King enjoyed one of the most successful freshman seasons in the history of K-State baseball. He earned Freshman All-American honors from Collegiate Baseball and was named to both the Second Team All-Big 12 and the Big 12 All-Freshman team. Still, he followed that up with an even more impressive 2012 season.

King batted .378 in conference play, making him the Big 12 regular season batting champion and was once again named Second Team All-Big 12. He was also named First Team All-Midwest Region by the American Baseball Coaches' Association. King finished in the top five in the conference in total bases, slugging percentage, hits, triples and multi-hit games. King was also a First Team Academic All-Big 12 selection.

After two stellar seasons, it would be an understatement to say that King is expected once again to lead K-State on and off the field this season. As King goes into his junior campaign for the Wildcats, the national media are taking notice of his numbers here at K-State. King was named to two preseason All-American teams: Perfect Game's Second Team and Baseball America's Third Team. King was also one of 50 players placed on the preseason watch list for the Golden Spikes Award, an annual award to the nation's top amateur player awarded by Major League Baseball.

"You have to be able to deal with that," said head coach Brad Hill on King's preseason recognition. "When you're a great player you're going to get the hype and you're going to get the attention, and now maturity, composure, those things come into play on how you're going to deal with that. He's a great player, that's why he got all those accolades."

In order to live up to such high expectations, King plans not only to perform on the field, but he is also trying to help out the younger players on a team whose roster includes many new freshmen.

"One of the things I've been



Jed Barker | Collegian

The ball flies out of Cal Poly catcher Elliot Stewart's glove as senior **Tanner Witt** slides in to home plate for a run, barely evading a tag out during the fifth inning of the three-game series finale on March 9 at Tointon Family Stadium. As K-State's seniors graduate, the team will look to players like Jared King, junior center-fielder, for leadership. "I'm just trying to help [younger players] out as much as I can because I've been through the process," King said.

working on is trying to be a little more vocal, especially to the younger guys," said King of his leadership role with the team. "It's my junior year, so I'm just trying to help them out as much as I can because I've been through the process."

Hill also acknowledged King as a leader on the team, describing him as laid-back, someone who goes up to the younger players, talks to them individually and always says and does the right things.

King's greatest influence on the team, though, is as an impact bat in the heart of the lineup. The

junior occupied the third spot in the lineup, generally reserved for a team's best hitter, all of last season and again this season. Having such an accomplished hitter helps the entire team and gets the offense going.

"He's a good hitter, and hitting becomes contagious," Hill said.

Last season the offense carried the team in many of its wins despite some shaky pitching, and his teammates are looking to King again this season to add some punch to the Wildcat lineup.

One area in which King excelled last season was with two-out RBIs. He was second on the

team as a sophomore with 18, and he put up 16 two-out RBIs as a freshman, good for third place on the team.

"You have to be able to go out there every day and say, 'Guys are on base; you just got to get it done,'" King said. "Good teams will consistently drive guys in with two outs and two strikes; those are big-time RBIs."

Jared is not the first King to excel at K-State. His older brother Jason was a three-year letterman for the Wildcats at third base and was drafted in the fourth round of the 2011 MLB Draft by Detroit. The younger King is expected to

be taken in the second round of this summer's draft, and some scouts think he could be picked even higher. Perfect Game has him projected as a possible pick in the supplemental first round, which is sandwiched between the first and second rounds.

Before he can think about the draft, King still has plenty of ball to play as a Wildcat, as the team looks to return to the postseason after missing out last year. King was part of the 2011 team that made it to the NCAA Regionals, and he will be looked to as the leader if the team is to return again this year.

BASKETBALL

NET | Coaches, K-State officials thank fans for support



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Head men's basketball coach and Big 12 Coach of the Year **Bruce Weber** cuts a strand off the basketball net draped around senior forward **Rodney McGruder's** neck during the pep rally Monday at Bramlage Coliseum as sophomore **Angel Rodriguez** (center) looks on. The Big 12 trophy made its return to Manhattan for the first time since 1977.

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reaction from the crowd, but no applause was louder than when senior Rodney McGruder took the floor and hoisted the championship trophy high in the air.

K-State President Kirk Schulz and Athletics Director John Currie thanked each member of the K-State family and expressed gratitude toward Bruce Weber and his efforts throughout the head coach's first season in the Little Apple.

With Big 12 Championships in both football and men's basketball, K-State has enjoyed a strong

presence in collegiate athletics this season. Schulz said it has been a thrill to celebrate the teams and represent the university.

"It's a great day to be a Wildcat," Schulz said. "You know, this is getting kind of fun as the president and coming out and celebrating all these Big 12 championships. I could get used to this."

As introduced by Currie, a few special members of K-State history came to the celebration, including Pat Harman, the wife of former K-State head coach Jack Hartman, as well as Mr. and Mrs. K-State, Ernie and Bonnie Barrett.

Newly crowned Big 12 Con-

ference Coach of the Year Bruce Weber took the floor to a chorus of "Bruuuuuuuuuce," and thanked the Wildcat fans for their season support.

"I want to thank you guys," Weber said to the crowd. "What a great crowd, there is no better place in the country than Bramlage and the Octagon of Doom."

Each of K-State's three seniors, Jordan Henriquez, Martavious Irving and McGruder, took turns at the microphone. They asked for continued support as they head to Kansas City for the conference tournament and prepare for a likely high seed in the NCAA tour-

namment.

All members of the team and staff took turns at cutting down the nets on the court and, as Weber said, it's just the beginning to a bigger journey for his team.

"We won a championship and we're going to cut down the nets," Weber said.

"They've left a legacy here which no other team in 36 years has done so I'm very proud to be a part of the staff. I hope they understand, and the last message today at practice was 'we're cutting down nets because we want to practice for something even bigger down the road.'"

EQUESTRIAN

Junior rider 'fell in love' with K-State, team

John Zetmeir
staff writer

Unlike sports that require a ball or a pair of running shoes to play, equestrian requires something much harder to find: the ability to control a creature that weighs half a ton with grace and precision.

For junior Rachel Webster, the desire to learn the unique sport of equestrian started at an early age.

"When I was young, one of my best friends rode horses and I always thought that it would be cool to be able to ride them. I basically got into it through her," Webster said. "My mom had somewhat of a background in riding but not as in-depth as what I do now."

In high school, Webster traveled to many states to compete in shows and tournaments, all while remaining on the academic honor roll all four years. When it came to deciding on a university, she had many offers, but she knew K-State was the right place for her.

"When I sent my videos in for recruitment, I had interest from other schools, but K-State really interested me," Webster said. "I had a friend that went to K-State and she really loved it, so when I came on my visit, I absolutely fell in love with the campus, the atmosphere, the town and the team, and I immediately knew that this is where I wanted to call home."

Webster has shown improvement in every season as a Wildcat, but this year she has truly exemplified what it means to be a captain both in and out of the ring.

"Rachel came in and immediately earned her team two [most outstanding performer] awards in her first meet, and she has been pretty consistent through the entire year," said K-State Hunt seat coach Anna Schierholz. "Her riding has only gotten more confident and more impressive every time she steps in the ring. She works extremely hard, she adds extra practices and she's always out of the barn trying to make herself better."

This season, Webster has already earned a number of most outstanding performer awards and was also named Big 12 Equitation over Fences Rider of the Month in October. In February, Webster was one of two Wildcats selected to compete in the WEF Collegiate Equitation Challenge in Wellington, Fla., where she reached the finals of the consolation bracket after dropping a close decision in her first match.

"The big thing with Rachel is that she is never going to settle. She never feels like she's quite got it, she always knows that there is something more to improve on, and I think the judges keep seeing her come back and get better meet after meet, year after year," said K-State head coach Casie Maxwell. "Her attitude just makes her great to coach and great to work with. She's just a very humble rider and continues to improve herself."

Webster specializes in equitation over fences and equitation on the flat. Despite her personal goal of reaching All-American status, getting team wins is still her No. 1 priority.

"It's really nice to win individually, but the overall goal is to win as a team. I try my hardest to do my part and I think the most important thing is winning as a team," Webster said.

Seth MacFarlane’s Oscar jokes underscore important issues



Skylar Parrott

If you caught the Academy Awards show on Feb. 24, then you saw Seth MacFarlane’s controversial hosting job. The legendary night was filled with glamorous actors and actresses, hilarious interviews and a vulgar host who shocked audiences with his seemingly misogynistic and racist jokes. Now, people are asking: Were his jokes genuinely sexist and racist or was MacFarlane just, as comedians often do, trying to push buttons?

Google “Seth MacFarlane Oscars” and a plethora of articles will pop up either praising or condemning Mr. MacFarlane’s jokes and hosting in general. A majority of them rebuke MacFarlane’s comedy. Most headlines use words such as “chauvinist,” “juvenile” and “sexist.” Although the writers make good points, I can’t say that I agree with the negative reactions.

Seth was talking about issues that we’ve all heard before, such as stereotypes and the ridiculous expectations for women in Hollywood. The show didn’t start becoming tactless until Captain Kirk from the future appeared on a screen to say that Seth MacFarlane was going to be the worst host in the history of the Oscars. Only then did Seth pull out a song about all the famous actresses’ breasts we’ve seen in films, which, according to Captain Kirk, improved his ratings.

Seth wasn’t trying to offend women. He was showing that he essentially couldn’t get a good rating unless he sang about breasts. I think he was making fun of our society. We so easily accept seeing naked breasts in films with an easy

rating of PG-13, while a naked penis gives a film a box office fatality rating of NC-17.

In my opinion, Seth MacFarlane was showing how society uses stereotypes and treats minorities. Seth’s jokes ranged from domestic violence to a racist joke about Don Cheadle to eating disorders, all of which are prevalent issues in today’s society. Because of the Academy and Seth MacFarlane, people have discussed how women are viewed in America and film more in the last week than they have in any time in the recent past.

I believe people are overreacting and overestimating the severity of the jokes told at this year’s Oscars. I can comfortably say that I enjoyed MacFarlane’s hosting much more than I enjoyed James Franco and Anne Hathaway in 2011 or Billy Crystal in 2012. MacFarlane had a fearless presence while he was onstage, he was young and interesting and his (mostly) unpredictable humor kept me wanting more. Maybe not 3.5 hours worth, but all award shows are long.

People like to blame the host when anything goes wrong, but he’s not completely to blame; the jokes are mostly written by a professional writer in the Academy and then approved by the host. The Academy knew what they were getting into.

When the Academy hired MacFarlane to host the Oscars, everyone should have expected what they got. Seth is the creator of “Family Guy,” after all. Have you seen that show? It’s horribly offensive, but people like it. Frankly, I was surprised that some of the jokes were as tame as they were. Yes, jokes can be insulting and crude, but does that mean that we should rip apart the comedians that tell them?

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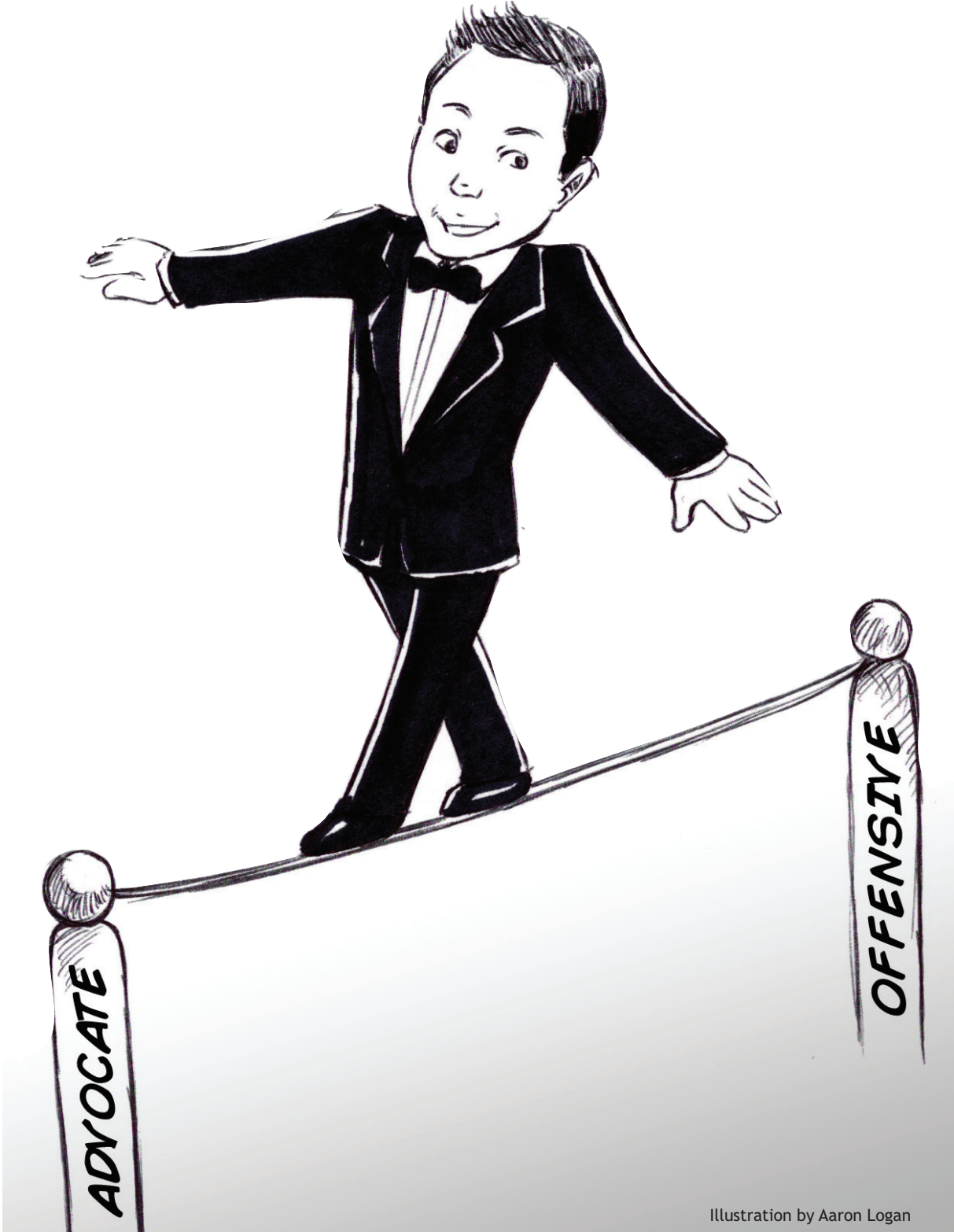


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Watching too much TV increases antisocial behavior; Americans at risk



Illustration by Parker Wilhelm



Patrick White

A birth cohort study published March 5 in Pediatrics, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, examined the relationship between excessive television viewing and increased antisocial behavior in children, and the results indicated a causal association between the two.

The study followed 1,037 individuals from birth until 26 years of age and used regression analysis to investigate associations between antisocial behavior and excessive television viewing from ages 5 to 15. The association between the two held even when the study controlled for IQ, socioeconomic status, prior antisocial behaviors and parental control, and the results were the same regardless of gender.

However, one variable that was not accounted for was quality of content. This study only looked at quantity of television watched. Why is that important? Because another study showed that children imitate good be-

havior seen on television — it just has to be there. This doesn’t necessarily cancel out the results of the previous study, however. You could potentially watch five hours of PBS and still be influenced in a way that causes you to be antisocial.

The question comes to mind — why is this important to us? Well, knowing that children should get less than one to two hours a day of television is good advice when raising them. Just because the first study didn’t look at content doesn’t mean that you should binge on quality programs either. Just think about one of your last experiences with the television. It may have involved you talking to the screen, hoping and wishing for the show to give you some sort of response.

Even if it is quality or educational programming, the viewer is still detached from the outside world while they’re verbally debating with the television. Developing social skills in a vacuum is not a good idea. For one thing, direct interaction is often the only way we learn right from wrong.

If this study analyzed viewing at a movie theater, I think the results would be different. There is still some sort of social interaction in a theater as moviegoers are required to follow social codes, such as those that expect patrons to be courteous and quiet so

everyone can watch undisturbed.

I can’t be the judge of good and bad television because I watch greats like “Castle” and “Community” as well as “Big Brother” and “Survivor.” In doing so, I frequently talk to the television. I’m just content in knowing that my one hour every other day is way less than the national average.

Even if I theoretically top out at seven hours per week, the average American over the age of 2 spends more than 34 hours a week watching television, according to Nielsen statistics reported in a Sept. 19, 2012, New York Times article by David Hinckley. That much sedentary activity is not a good thing.

According to a June 14, 2011, CNN article by Amanda Gardner, the Journal of the American Medical Association analysis reports that for every additional two hours a person spends watching TV on a typical day, their chances for developing type-2 diabetes and heart disease increases by 20 and 15 percent, respectively.

So, if you are going to watch television, just make sure it’s worth your time, as the risks may not outweigh the supposed benefits.

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Mother who hired strippers for kids’ party should face consequences



Zach Foley

A mother from New York has been charged with child endangerment for allegedly hiring strippers to perform at her 16-year-old son’s November birthday party, according to a Feb. 20 ABC News article by Josh Haskell. The 33-year-old mother of four responded to the situation by saying that her family is going through a “difficult time.”

A difficult time? That is the understatement of the year. I’m sure her family is going through a giant mess of a time because she has no idea what is appropriate entertainment for a child’s birthday party. What happened to clowns and magicians? I understand that this is a 16-year-old’s birthday party and maybe those aren’t considered “cool” anymore, but a stripper should never have come into the picture.

What really boggles the mind is that this party was not hosted in the privacy of a residence, but at a party room in a bowling alley with more than 80 attendees (some as young as 13). It was this mother’s choice to ruin her own child’s innocence, but to think that

other parents would be OK with their children leaving the house one way and returning corrupted shows that not a lot of thought was put into the consequences of strippers coming into contact with children.

The mother probably believed she had gotten away with providing adult entertainers to children since the party took place in November and no consequences arose until February. That all changed, however, when photos of the event were posted on Facebook and one parent became very unhappy with the party entertainment. I don’t think anyone other than a level-headed and responsible parent would have been able to foresee that reaction.

The crazy thing is that there were parents in attendance at the party, meaning that other adults should have and could have stopped the strippers from disrobing in front of the under-aged guests. However, they didn’t, which leads me to believe that the guest list only included like-minded parents who would approve of children partaking in illegal activities. Must have been a very exclusive invitation — going only to the most irresponsible adults around town.

It is almost impressive that no one with any sense found out about the party until the Facebook pictures were posted. I cannot imagine that this boy’s birthday party was not the talk of school for at least a week after the event — unless of course the boys involved were sworn to secrecy and that’s how this was kept under wraps

for three months.

If that is the case, at least the mother tried to cover her back, basically showing her kids that it is acceptable to knowingly do something wrong as long as you make sure you will not get caught. I hope New York has not chosen their mother of the year yet, because I have a feeling we have a new front-runner for her innovative parenting style.

The craziest thing about all of this is that somehow the strippers involved have come out unscathed. The girls are claiming they had no idea that the attendees were underage, even though they performed for children at a child’s birthday party. I have never seen a 13-year-old that could pass for 18, so I highly doubt they were unaware of for whom exactly they were dancing. The mother may have endangered the children, but if the strippers proceeded to dance for an audience that was most likely not ready for the show they received, they should be held just as accountable.

Anyone who thinks it is all right to hire strippers not just for their own kids but for others’ children as well should probably not have any children at all. This mother needs to face the consequences of her poor judgment, and if that means not having any children to plan future birthday parties for, then so be it.

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Judge halts NYC sugary drink ban

According to CNN, a state judge blocked New York City's planned ban on the sale of large sugary drinks, which was set to go into effect today. The law would have restricted the sale of sugary drinks to no more than 16 ounces at certain retailers.

The office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who spearheaded the regulation, responded with a vow to appeal Justice Milton Tingling's decision, which called the restrictions "arbitrary and capricious." City officials say the health department has the authority to enforce the ban in light of New York City's high rate of overweight and obese citizens.

North Korea declares 1953 armistice invalid

The official newspaper of the ruling Workers' Party in North Korea reported that the country's army has declared the armistice that ended the Korean War invalid, according to a Monday CNN article.

North Korea has ended the armistice before, most recently in 2009, citing rival South Korea's joining of a United States-led anti-proliferation plan. North Korea's capital city of Pyongyang recently carried out its third nuclear test despite stern warnings from the international community. In response, the U.N. passed stricter sanctions against North Korea.

In addition to nullifying the armistice, South Korea said the North cut off the direct phone line between the two countries that is maintained for emergencies. The United States is currently involved in annual military drills with ally South Korea.

Seven earthquakes shake Southern California

A series of small earthquakes centered in a sparsely populated desert area were measured by the U.S. Geological Survey in Southern California Monday, according to USA Today. There were seven quakes total, the highest with a magnitude of 4.7.

While the epicenter of the quakes was about 23 miles south of Palm Springs in Riverside County, they were reportedly felt up to 250 miles away.

The quakes were measured about seven to eight miles underground, and they occurred within 20 minutes of each other.

More than 100 minor aftershocks were also recorded.

Process to select new Pope to begin today

The papal conclave to elect a new leader for the Catholic Church will begin today, according to the Washington Post. For the past week, the cardinals who will make the decision have been meeting in "general congregations" to discuss the most important issues the Church is facing.

The Post said that there is no clear favorite to fill the vacancy left by Benedict XVI's resignation last month, although most experts expect another Western pope. The selection process could be completed after a single round of voting, but it usually lasts at least two days.

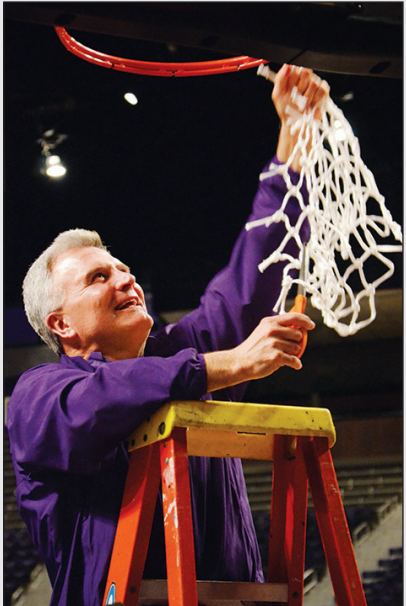
Octagon of Doom filled with cheers for champs



Senior guard **Rodney McGruder** emerges from behind the curtain with the Big 12 Championship trophy held high on Monday in Bramlage Coliseum during the K-State Big 12 title celebration. McGruder and senior teammates Jordan Henriquez and Martavious Irving asked for fans' support as they compete in the NCAA tournament.



Freshman forward **DJ Johnson** climbs a ladder to be the first to cut down the net at Bramlage Coliseum on Monday. The Wildcats won their first conference championship since 1977 on Saturday and travel to Kansas City Mo., Thursday to play for the NCAA trophy.



Head men's basketball coach **Bruce Weber** cuts down the net during the pep rally Monday in Bramlage Coliseum. "There is no better place in the country than Bramlage and the Octagon of Doom," Weber said.

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could face life in prison without parole if convicted.

"Working together with our state and local partners, we are prepared to prosecute this case to the full extent of federal law," Grissom said.

Scahill is a former K-State student but is not currently enrolled, and he is not in good standing with the university, according to Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students.

Less than 24 hours before the fire took place, Scahill was arrested on various drug charges by Riley County Police Department officers who were investigating an armed robbery at a Manhattan Dara's Fast Lane location. Scahill does not face any charges related to the robbery.

Griese is currently enrolled as a sophomore in biology at K-State.

According to the news release, information about a possible motive in the case is still unavailable.

"I anticipate more details of the investigation will be made public as the case proceeds," Grissom said.

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level down for the most part so we didn't have any issues," Lilek said.

"I think it's a matter of everybody being responsible and holding themselves and the people that they love more accountable. Fake Patty's is a tradition that we started and it can be a lot of fun, but we have to make sure that we try to follow rules and keep people safe."

Officers were not the only personnel in high demand during the all-day festivities; 22 requests for emergency medical service were issued between Friday and Sunday in relation to Fake Patty's Day.

"100 percent of the transports we served had consumed alcohol," said Joel Reimer, Riley County EMS captain. "The youngest person we treated for high blood alcohol content was 18, and the highest blood alcohol concentration we saw was .441."

With some patrons consuming alcohol in quantities over five times the legal limit, quick access to Aggieville was a priority.

"We utilized two ATV Gators, and from what I understood, they were able to get to the patient very easily," Reimer said. "When they'd get a call, within minutes they would be with a patient."

Despite a spike in the number

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of arrests and alcohol-related emergencies, Rebecca Woodward, senior in construction science and management, said that she never felt unsafe.

"I felt pretty safe walking through Aggieville and partying at the bars," she said. "It seemed like people were pretty much under

control for most of the day. It did get kind of crazy at night, though, because everyone had been drinking all day at that point. As a woman, I didn't feel like I was in danger or anything, but I did see a few things that were scary. I saw a guy just clock a girl in the face in the evening."

Both Lilek and Woodward agreed that although Fake Patty's Day is often correlated with alcohol-related accidents and damage, participants can avoid putting themselves and others in danger by being responsible and avoiding risky situations.

Woodard also added that the benefits for businesses in the city are too high for the "holiday" to be banned.

"Fake Patty's is here to stay in my opinion because of the good it does for businesses," she said. "There are always going to be people being stupid and drunk, but it's up to us to be responsible. It's a tradition that brings a lot of good to the town too, so it's on us to make it safer and a day that all of us can safely have a good time."

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